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ANNUAL DINNER OF THE SIERRA CLUB, DECEMBER 8th

The annual dinner and reunion of members of the Sierra Club will be held on December 8th at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco. The hour of assembly will be 6:30, with dinner served at 7 o'clock. Formal dress is customary, but not at all a requirement, and no one should have the slightest hesitation about coming informally if that is more convenient. The traditional cordiality and good cheer of the Sierra Club will prevail. Those who have never attended an annual dinner of the Club are especially urged to come. Guests of members are cordially invited. The program will include brief remarks on the activities of the Club and will be followed by dancing. Arrangements are in charge of William T. Goldsborough, chairman of the dinner committee, with Miss Marjory Dickieson supervising the decorations and Miss Maren Aune directing the table reservations and seating. Tickets, at \$2.25 each, may be obtained at the office of the Club, 1050 Mills Tower. Reservations for group tables should be made as far in advance as possible. Miss Aune and her assistants will serve as hostesses to those who have not joined a group table. It will greatly assist the management if tickets are obtained at least a week in advance.

PROGRAM OF EXHIBITS IN THE CLUB ROOMS

November 5 to December 1—Paintings and drawings by Leland Curtis.

December 3 to January 5—Photographs of the Himalayas.

January 7 to February 2—Early lithographs of mountain paintings by Thomas Moran.

1935 OUTING TO KINGS RIVER CANYON

A great many members of the Sierra Club have expressed interest in the comprehensive outing planned for the region embraced within the headwaters of the South Fork of Kings River, which will be taken in 1935. This will be the last opportunity to visit this region in anything like its primitive wildness. The state road will reach the floor of the canyon shortly thereafter and absolutely necessary structures to take care of the visiting public will alter the aspect and atmosphere of this wonderful region. Plans are being made so that those who can only spend two weeks on the outing will be accommodated. If you intend to take the trip please send in your name, which incurs no obligation on your part but which is a very material aid to those who are planning the outing.

OUTING COMMITTEE.

PROGRESS AT CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE

Neither the problem of recruiting work crews nor transporting them back and forth, nor feeding them, nor the interruption of business by last summer's strikes, nor rain, nor hail, nor eight inches of fresh snow have been able to prevent the progress of the Club's new Clair Tappaan Lodge, at Norden, which has indeed grown at surprising pace. Thanks to the funds received as a result of the appeal of President Farquhar's letter, to the continued enthusiasm of many hard-working "construc-

tion slaves" who have volunteered their labor, and to the faithful, resourceful supervision of Buster Robinson who has already spent 18 week-ends energetically on the job, the lodge is now usable as an effective shelter. It is hoped that by Thanksgiving Day we shall be able to say, with gratitude for the splendid support given by the Club, the chapters, and members, individually and collectively, that the lodge is equipped with the necessary stoves, plumbing, beds, and lighting to make it comfortably livable. Yet, even with all this to be thankful for, there will remain many things to be done before the finishing and furnishing can be considered complete.

The large corps of workers over the Labor Day week-end and other work parties since then have accomplished much. Roof and exterior walls are covered with weatherproof Malthoid compound which will serve as protection this winter, although the ultimate covering, as funds become available, will be shakes; all the metal window-frames are in and fully glazed; the cesspool is dug and cribbed; balcony partitions and service rooms (except the ski room) are internally sheathed, and the stairs and ladders finished. Giving generous and much appreciated aid to the project, the San Francisco Bay Chapter has contributed from the chapter treasury sufficient funds to make possible the immediate installation of the important plumbing system, including kitchen sink, wash basin, fixtures, hot-water tanks, frost-proof toilets; and also the auxiliary heating and cooking equipment, including a large log stove, built to our specifications, for the south end of the living room, a ten-inch steel stack about 25 feet high, a rock-gas kitchen range to supplement the wood range donated by Glenn Weber, and gas storage tanks. A prominent and welcome feature of the lodge is the handsome fireplace which radiates heat in three directions. Designed by architect Walter Ratcliff, along unique and harmonious lines, it was financed through the generosity of the Southern California Chapter; the masonry part was laid by Joe Staudinger, a life member who spent eight weeks of his summer vacation building the fireplace and the foundation walls of the building; the graceful copper hood and steel chimney, executed by James Bell & Company, of Oakland, have been fixed in place; and the first fire on the hearth has proved that the completed fireplace draws perfectly, sending into the room an abundance of cheery heat. In the large basement, whose digging out of the rocky knoll seemed so interminable, an ample supply of firewood is snugly packed.

For financing the folding spring-beds, designed by the Simmons Company to our order, the Winter Sports Committee is sponsoring a plan whereby a contributor who pays five dollars toward the "bed fund" will receive exclusive personal use of a designated bed for the next two years whenever he or she is at the lodge. At other times anyone else may use the bed, of course.

Our official "house-warming" is scheduled for the coming Christmas-New Year holidays. Plans call for skiing—instruction, practice, tests, and tours—a dedicatory ceremony at which Mr. William E. Colby will speak, and a special dinner and entertainment New Year's Eve to welcome the opportunities for enhanced Club activities afforded by the new lodge. For this trip all meals will be provided by a central commissary in order to avoid confusion in the kitchen and to leave as much free time as possible for participation in winter sports. Rates, including three meals and lodge privileges for a day and a night, will be: \$1 per day for the first two days, 75c each succeeding day; dinner New Year's Eve \$1. Capacious as the lodge is, accommodations are limited and preference will be given on this occasion to members who have helped to build the lodge. To those who advise the Club office of their interest in this trip there will be mailed a separate announcement regarding eligibility, equipment, transportation, together with a reservation form which should be returned to the Club office as soon as possible—delay may mean disappointment.

The program for the rest of the snow season includes a trip over Washington's Birthday (details in the Bay Chapter Schedule) which will probably tax the capacity of the lodge, and a series of supplementary ski-trips on each week-end that a group can be organized. These informal trips will depend on the weather and the leisure time of the personnel. Further details regarding these trips, and also the rules of operation, rates, and means of access to the lodge will be available at the Club office later and announced in the next number of the *Sierra Club Bulletin*.

LEWIS F. CLARK, *Chairman of Sierra Club Committee on Lodges.*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE

The response to the call for funds for furthering the construction of Clair Tappaan Lodge has been most gratifying. It is an encouraging proof of the vitality of the Club that contributions have come from so many widely scattered members as well as from those who live within reach of the

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facilities offered. Old-timers have tangibly expressed their approval, and new members have given proof of their enthusiasm. It is impossible to print here the long list of contributors, but the President of the Club desires to express to each and every one of them the thanks and appreciation of the Club for their generous assistance. Here are a few of the comments that have accompanied the checks and pledges:

"This tiny contribution is no measure of the esteem in which I held Judge Tappaan. He was a wonderful man, one whom no Sierra Club member will ever forget. This is a splendid plan. May it be successful!"

"We want to share in the Clair Tappaan ski hut and I am enclosing our check in the hope that it will help just a little. We stopped there on our way home from Tahoe yesterday and I am most enthusiastic about it. The Clark boys were there and a magnificent piece of work has been done by them and the others who have helped build it. I can think of no more fitting tribute that the Club could have built in memory of Mr. Tappaan."

"Glad to see the Club do constructive things of this kind. Keep it up."

"I am pleased to add my little bit to the completion of the Tappaan Lodge."

"Enclosed please find my check to help in this worthy cause."

"Enclosed is a small contribution for the ski hut at Norden. I am very sorry to have delayed so long in sending the check. However, we have been very busy here in the Caribbean and the tropics are not particularly apt to remind one of skiing; Which reminds me that someone once remarked that God gave us memories that we might have 'Roses in December and skiing in August, if we care to.' I am looking forward a great deal to the fleet's contemplated visit to San Francisco in early December—and hope there will be snow at Norden."

RIVERSIDE CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

The Riverside Chapter held its third annual election of members of its Executive Committee on October 2nd. Sylvia Campiglia, Louise W. Schmidt, and Richard A. Weedon were elected members of the Committee, the hold-over members being Charles S. Bacon, Jr., Emerson L. Holt, Doris P. Rowlands, A. J. Twogood. The election was held at an open meeting of the Chapter at which time annual reports were given and a lecture by Dr. Edward C. McCarty on the subject of "Range Grasses." The newly elected Executive Committee organized immediately, electing the following officers: Doris P. Rowlands, chairman; Sylvia Campiglia, secretary; Emerson L. Holt, treasurer. Dr. Charles S. Bacon, Jr. was appointed chairman of the schedule committee; A. J. Twogood, chairman of the membership committee; and Louise W. Schmidt, Riverside Chapter representative on the Harwood Lodge committee.

LOMA PRIETA CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

At the annual election of the Loma Prieta Chapter held in October, the following were elected members of the Executive Committee of the Chapter: Grace Hartley, G. M. Hubbell, John Y. Springer, C. A. Stone. The hold-over members of the Committee are Ethel Boulware, Frank B. Duveneck and Frank H. Lewis. At the organization meeting of the Committee, held October 17th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Frank H. Lewis, chairman; C. A. Stone, secretary; G. M. Hubbell, treasurer; and the following chairmen of committees were appointed: Don M. Woods, local walks; Grace Hartley, educational and entertainment; John Y. Springer, membership; John V. Young, publicity.

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION

London, September 24, 1934.

The President of the Sierra Club:

Dear Sir:

I would be very glad if you would convey both to the Board of Directors and to the Outing Committee of the Club my grateful thanks for the honour which they did me by inviting me to remain as a guest at the High Trip or Annual Outing of the Club in the Sierra Nevada during July, 1934. I would be much obliged also if you would convey my warm appreciation of the fine hos-

plicity which was shown me by every member of the party. The High Trip 1934 will long remain one of my most cherished memories. I trust that the visit of members of the Club to New Zealand may permit me soon to reciprocate your kind hospitality.

Yours sincerely,

A. F. T. CHORLTON.

STARR'S GUIDE TO THE JOHN MUIR TRAIL

This book is now in press and delivery early in December is assured. Descriptive circulars and order blanks will be sent out in the near future so that members of the Club may have the opportunity of acquiring this truly remarkable publication at an early date. In addition to a vivid and practical description of all major trails in the High Sierra there will be a most extraordinary map. The price will be uniform with that of the other special publications of the Club (*Place Names of the High Sierra* and Joseph LeConte's *Ramblings*), namely, two dollars.

IMPROVEMENTS TO PARSONS LODGE, TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Members of the Sierra Club will be interested to know that this last summer opportunity was taken of the presence of cement and bridge-building contractors in the Tuolumne Meadows to have a concrete floor placed in the Parsons Memorial Lodge. A very excellent job was done. The surface of the concrete was left rough so that slipping hobnails would not result in personal disaster to those using the lodge. The roof also was repaired and made water-tight so that there is no longer any leakage. Great credit is due Mr. Albert Duhme and also Mr. Norman Clyde who assisted in the repair of the roof. They also repaired the old log structure around the soda spring so that there is no longer any danger of its falling down and it will last as a relic of Lambert's diligence when he took up his homestead and constructed this log enclosure around the soda spring nearly fifty years ago. The windows will probably be hung next summer so that the lodge will then be quite usable. There is accumulating evidence that it will not be long before it will be made use of by ski parties during the winter months.

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STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, OF *SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN*, published bi-monthly at San Francisco, California, for October 1, 1934.

State of California, } ss.
City and County of San Francisco }

Before me, a notary public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Virginia Ferguson, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the business manager of the *Sierra Club Bulletin*, and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership and management of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business manager are: Publisher, Sierra Club, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco, Calif.; Editor, Francis P. Farquhar, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco, Calif.; Managing Editor, None; Business Manager, Virginia Ferguson, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco, Calif.

2. That the owner is: Sierra Club (a corporation), 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco, Calif.; No stockholders. Officers: Francis P. Farquhar, president, San Francisco; William E. Colby, secretary, San Francisco; Walter L. Huber, treasurer, San Francisco.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: None.

VIRGINIA FERGUSON, Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of September, 1934.

VIOLET NEUBURG, Notary Public.

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(My commission expires December 31, 1934.)

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